THE WASH LEVEL.—We are now authorised to state that the capital necessary for the undertaking, vast as it is, has been provided.—*Norfolk Chronicle.*—The plan will be the modified one of Mr. Rendel, suggested by him to the town council in 1840, in his report of the plan of Sir John Rennie, which was considered as too extensive. Sir John Rennie's plan comprehended the inclosure of 150,000 acres of land, but Mr. Rendel's plan will extend to the inclosure of only about 70,000 acres. A new channel will be made crossing the North Lynn estate, and falling into the present channel below, in deep water; and by a similar extension of the rivers Nene from Wisbech, Welland from Spalding, and Witham from Boston, the united width of outfall of all these rivers at a point near the Bell Buoy would be about one mile.—*Cambridge Chronicle.*

DAMP WALLS.—The question of "damp walls" is one intimately connected with domestic economy, and in which the invalid is especially interested. When damp walls proceed from *deliquescence* in the case of muriate of soda, &c., an intimate combination with the sand used for the mortar, it is merely necessary to wash the wall with a strong solution of alum. This converts the *deliquescent* salt into an *efflorescent* one, and the cure is complete; or alum may be added to the plaster in the first instance. When dampness arises in the walls by capillary attraction from the foundation, it resolves itself into a question altogether different; but, in the majority of cases, the dampness springs from the employment of sea-sand, or, at any rate, sand impregnated with a deliquescent salt.—*Dr. Murray.*

NEW HOSPITAL AT BERLIN.—We learn from Berlin that the municipality of that capital, having entered into a contract with an English company for lighting the city with gas for upwards of 20 years, and finding that, consequently, there will be no expense created by forming the establishments which would have been required for that purpose, has resolved, instead, to erect a new hospital, sufficiently spacious to receive 600 patients, and suppress all the present smaller hospitals. The cost of the new edifice is estimated at 275,000 dollars.

ENORMOUS YEW TREE.—There is in the churchyard at the village of Gresford, Denbighshire, a yew tree which measures 30 feet in girth at the height of 4 feet from the base. The branches are in themselves large trees, and shade the ground to a great extent. It must be of incalculable antiquity, and it is not yet in a state of much decay, though it has for centuries perhaps attained its maturity. Other yew trees in the same place, which were planted (as the parish-register records) in the year 1727, are, on average, in girth somewhat more than 4 feet.

WESTMINSTER-BRIDGE.—This bridge was re-opened to the public on Monday last; it was closed on Monday the 14th inst., in order to lower the carriage-way at the approaches, and get rid of the steep acclivities. The former steepest inclination, of 1 in 14, is now reduced to 1 in 25, which will render the ascent easier than that of Blackfriars-bridge. This alteration has been completed during the leisure season, and with a view to relieve the labour of horses in the winter months.

NEW UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND.—A rumour, says the *Dublin Statesman*, has been for some time gaining ground, that a sum of 100,000*l.* will be asked for and (as a matter of course) granted in next Parliament, for the erection of a great university in Ireland, in which cheap education will be afforded in a system of secular instruction, in which also professors of all denominations will be eligible, and where degrees of all kinds will be conferred.

LORD PALMERSTON, M. DE CORNELIUS, AND FRESCO PAINTINGS.—The Berlin journals state, that Lord Palmerston, previous to leaving that capital for Dresden, paid a long visit to M. de Cornelius, and conferred with him on the subject of the fresco paintings with which it is intended to adorn the new Parliament House, his lordship being one of the committee for directing the decoration of that edifice.

A superb mausoleum to the memory of M. Agundo has just been erected in the cemetery of Père la Chaise.

THE NEW COUNTY COURTS, IPSWICH.—The interior arrangements are now completed, and with the limited space at the disposal of the magistrates, ample accommodation appears to have been provided for all parties having business to transact in these courts. For our own parts, we do no more than justice in tendering our hearty thanks to the magistrates, who, under the sanction of the learned judges at the late assizes, have afforded the best possible accommodation to those whose duty it is to attend as reporters of the newspaper press. By the arrangements the convenience of other parties has been promoted to a great extent; the seats heretofore occupied by reporters at the table, six at least in each court, being now devoted exclusively to attorneys and barristers.—*Ipswich Journal.*

WOOD PAVING.—On Saturday last, considerable sensation was created in the Marylebone Vestry, in consequence of a notice of motion having been given, calling upon the vestry to renew their contract for three years with the Metropolitan Wood Paving Company, for keeping in repair and cleansing that portion of wood paving laid down by them between Wells-street and Rathbone-place. Mr. Wilson proposed the resolution, and was supported by Mr. Soder and Mr. Nichols. Mr. Harbut objected to it at great length. After a very stormy discussion a division was demanded, when there appeared for the resolution 21, against it 23, majority refusing to enter into the contract, 2. The vestry then separated.

NEW BRIDGE AT TARMONBURY, LONDONDERRY.—This bridge has been erected by the Commissioners for the Improvement of the River Shannon, and was thrown open to public traffic on Friday the 25th inst. It consists of four flat arches, 33 feet span each, and one swivel arch 30 feet, which is the intended navigable channel. The bridge is 200 feet in length.—*Irish Paper.*

NEW THEATRE AT TAUNTON.—It is in contemplation to build a new theatre at Taunton, the amount to be raised by shares. On the first mention of the project, one gentleman instantly offered to advance 200*l.* We understand that the design will be determined by competition.

AN OLD STREET NEWLY NAMED.—The great improvements which have lately been made in Cateaton-street, have induced the city authorities to alter its name, and henceforth it will be known as Gresham-street. The new name is already affixed to the houses at each end of the street.

RE-BUILDING OF THE NEW PRISON, CLERKENWELL.—A notice has been issued by order of the Middlesex Magistrates to the effect that they intend forthwith to take such measures, either by contract, or otherwise as shall appear to them to be requisite and proper, for the re-building of the New Prison, Clerkenwell.

A NEW FIELD OF IRON-STONE IN NORTHUMBERLAND.—A field of iron-stone, of the richest quality, about 15,000 acres in extent, is said to have been discovered west of Hexham, Northumberland. It is likely to yield great profit to Sir Edward Blaeteel, proprietor of the extensive royalties.

ENORMOUS FOUNTAIN AT CHATSWORTH.—The great fountain at Chatsworth is supplied with water from a reservoir which covers eight acres. The fall is 381 feet, and the height which the water is expected to attain from the fountain, when brought into full operation, is 280 feet.

Tenders.

TENDERS delivered for Building a Dwelling-house and Printing-office in Kennington-lane, for Mr. Kemshead.—Wm. Rogers, Esq., Architect, Palace Chambers, Lambeth.

Macey and Son	£973
Nolley	880
Travers and Son	796
J. and T. Ward	795
Downs	793
Gerry	793

TENDERS for a School-room to Sutherland Chapel, Walworth.—E. A. Jones, Esq., Architect.

Smith	£213 11
Marsland	172 0
Harding	170 0
Cook	169 0

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

For the Construction of 1 Mile and 65½ Chains of the Ashton, Stalybridge, and Liverpool Junction Railway.—The Secretary of the Company, at the Manchester and Leeds Railway Offices, Palatine-buildings, Hunt's Bank, Manchester. November 4.

For the supply of Paving, Flint, Winstone, and Bombay Granite, &c.—Frederick Tritton, Clerk to the Trustees for Lighting, &c. the South District of St. George the Martyr, 11, Three Crown-square, Southwark. November 5.

For supplying her Majesty's Dockyard at Chatham with White Lead, and her Majesty's Dockyards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Portsmouth, and Devonport, with Red Lead.—The Secretary of the Admiralty, Somerset-place, London. November 5.

For the supply of 2,600 Tons of best Railway Bars, and 175 Tons of Plates and Spikes, for the Zealand Railway.—Address, "To the Directors of the Zealand Railway Company," Copenhagen, under cover to their Agent, Mr. John Lord, Friday-street, Birmingham. November 5.

For the constructing of various Workshops, Engine-houses, and other Buildings connected with the York and North Midland Railway.—Mr. Andrews, Architect, York. November 6.

For the erection of certain Walls, Gates, and Piers in the Land of Promise, Hoxton.—Mr. Tress, Surveyor, Wilson-street, Finsbury-square. November 7.

For the Erection of a new Barrack Establishment at Bristol.—C. J. Selwyn, Major and Commanding Royal Engineer, Exeter. November 7.

For the performance of such Bricklayers', Carpenters', Masons', and other Works to be done in the Cleansing, Building, and Repairing of the several Public Sewers and Drains within the Ranelagh and Counters' Creek Districts.—Lewis C. Hertslet, Sewers' Office for Westminster, No. 1, Greek-street, Soho-square. November 8.

For the Building of Four Almshouses in the city of Ely.—T. and G. Archer, Solicitors, Ely. November 9.

For the Construction of Lots 1 and 2 of the Great Southern and Western Railway (Ireland). Lot 1 comprises a distance of about 9½ miles; Lot 2 comprises a distance of about 10½ miles.—Sir John Macneill, Engineer to the Company, 28, Rutland-square, Dublin. November 11.

For the supply of Memel, Red Pine, and Larch Timber to the Great Southern and Western Railway (Ireland).—Sir John Macneill, Engineer to the Company, 28, Rutland-sq., Dublin. Nov. 11.

For Works in the Construction of a New Dock in Kingston-upon-Hull.—Mr. John B. Hartley, Civil Engineer, Liverpool. November 11.

For Building 600 feet of Sewers in Garden-street, Westminster.—Francis Giffard, Clerk to the Trustees of Tothill-fields, Westminster.—November 13.

For the erection of Gas Apparatus for lighting the Devon County Lunatic Asylum, also for Apparatus for Cooking, Washing, Drying, and Warming.—T. E. Drake, Clerk to the Visiting Justices, Exeter. November 18.

For the different Works to be done in erecting a New Gaol at the Borough of Banbury, under any of the following heads, viz.: 1. Mason, Brickwork, &c.; 2. Carpenter and Joiner; 3. Plumber and Glazier; 4. Slater; 5. Plasterer; 6. Ironfounder, &c.; 7. Painter.—Messrs. Hurst and Moffatt, Architects, Leeds or Doncaster; and James Beesley, Town Clerk, Banbury. November 21.

COMPETITIONS.

PREMIUM of 25 guineas for the best and another of 15 guineas for the second best design for laying out for building purposes a plot of land, containing about nine acres and a half, situate in the borough of Reading, having a frontage of upwards of 900 feet, and being of the depth of about 460 feet. Further particulars of J. J. Blandy, Esq., Solicitor, Reading; or of Messrs. Gregory, Faulkner, Gregory, and Bourdillon, 1, Bedford-row, London. November 15.

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